GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:809
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2007
KISAN SAHAYAK KENDRA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether number of petrol pumps are being run under the 'Kisan Sahayak Kendra Scheme' (Farmer Assistance Centre Scheme) by the Government;

(b): if so, the main features of the said scheme;

(c): the State-wise number of petrol pumps sanctioned under the said scheme till date;

(d): whether merely petrol and diesel are being sold under the said scheme and the farmers are being given no other assistance; and

(e): if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (e): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) are setting up rural retail outlets (such as Kisan Seva Kendra, Hamara Pump, etc.) all over the country to cater to the needs of farmers, agriculturists and other consumers of petrol and diesel in the rural areas. This has been done with the intention of reaching product predominantly diesel, and ensuring quality at the correct price in far-flung areas to meet the rural agricultural demand. Apart from petrol and diesel, wherever there is requirements, other items like seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, implements, etc., are stocked and sold to the agriculturists from these rural retail outlets. These retail outlets are set up at identified rural locations having sufficient potential which are economically viable as established by survey and feasibility studies. State-wise number of rural retail outlets allotted by OMCs as on 30.09.2007 is given in the Annexure.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.809 to be answered on 22.11.2007 regarding Kisan Sahayak Kendra Scheme.

Number of rural retail outlets (Kisan Seva Kendra, Hamara Pump, etc.) allotted by the OMCs as on 30.09.2007.

S.No. State/Union Territory Number of KSK ROs

States

1 Andhra Prades 284

2 Assam 59

3 Bihar 264
4 Chhattisgarh 125

5 Goa 22

6 Gujarat 214
7 Haryana 231
8 Himachal Pradesh 17

9 Jammu & Kashmir 71
10 Jharkhand 59
11 Karnataka 262
12 Kerala 215
13 Madhya Pradesh 328

14 Maharashtra 544
15 Manipur 9
16 Meghalaya 11
17 Nagaland 4
18 Orissa 166

19 Punjab 601

20 Rajasthan 352
21 Sikkim 2

22 Tripura 3
23 Tamil Nadu 336
24 Uttaranchal 39
25 Uttar Pradesh 601

26 West Bengal 211
27 Pondicherry 17
Total 5047